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Attention: [redacted]

Attached is a memo of request from Peter Sharfman for access to classified information for OTA's study on "The Effect of Nuclear War". I would appreciate your making the necessary arrangements in order that Mr. Sharfman can accomplish the objectives as stated in his memo.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Tom McGurn*

Tom McGurn  
Administrative Officer

Attachment



# STAFF MEMO

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TO: Tom McGurn, Administrative Officer, OTA

FROM: Peter Sharfman *PS*

DATE: December 13, 1978

It is my understanding that although CIA does not wish to make a codeword billet available to OTA at this time, they have no objection if I come out to CIA Headquarters in search of the information needed to carry out the functions which Congress requires of OTA. I will need facilities in CIA Headquarters to store documents, a cleared area in which I can read them and take notes (notes which, depending upon their sensitivity, would subsequently be stored either at OTA or at CIA), and someone at CIA to serve as an initial point of contact for requests for information and/or specific documents.

I would like to go out to CIA Headquarters on the morning of Wednesday, December 27, for the first round of this research. I am setting a date well in advance so that we can clear up any questions about the adequacy of the need-to-know justification contained below.

At that time, I would like to see the following:

1. The interagency intelligence memorandum on Soviet Civil Defense: Objectives, Pace, and Effectiveness. I understand that this has been issued in more than one version; for OTA's purposes, the shorter SECRET version will be sufficient. The reason is that we are engaged in a study on "The Effects of Nuclear War," which takes as a key variable the degree of civil defense preparation, and therefore need to review the approximate state and near-term projections for Soviet civil defense preparations.
2. Any material which updates #1 above on the issue of the extent of the damage the Soviets would suffer from a U.S. strategic attack.
3. I would like to scan the issues which have been published since mid-October (when I left my previous job in the Defense Department) of the "Scientific Intelligence Weekly." The reason is that we are charged with identifying for study purposes future military technologies (or technologies bearing upon arms control), which may have significant unintended consequences. Such technologies may well emerge in the Soviet Union before they emerge in the United States. OTA does not need details of Soviet programs such as might endanger intelligence sources. However, we do need to identify, on a continuing basis, Soviet technological efforts which indicate areas which we ought to study.
4. I would like to scan the issues since October of "Trends and Developments; Foreign Technologies and Systems," published periodically by DIA. This periodical contains a section on science and technology developments which is necessary for the reasons cited in # 3 above.

5. It is my recollection that the "Strategic Intelligence Monthly Review" (published at Langley) frequently contains articles about Soviet industrial developments which might bear upon the Effects of a Nuclear War on the Soviet economy. I would like to review such articles. The bulk of this publication contains material which is not relevant to OTA's responsibilities.

6. I would like to review our first priority study on "The Effects of Nuclear War" with a knowledgeable CIA officer (presumably in OSR) who could suggest additional materials and data which we could use.

Please let me know whether this can be arranged for the 27th.